

39th Annual Youth Environmental Conference Snowshoe Mountain Resort October 3-5, 2014

A limited number of scholarships are available on a first-come first-served basis.

- Each youth group attending the conference may send two members between the ages of 13 and 18 and one chaperone at no charge.
- The scholarships will go quickly! Be sure to send in the attached reservation form as soon as possible.
- All participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the conference.

Additional youth participants and adult chaperones are welcome to attend at the cost of \$175 each. Make checks payable to the: <u>Department of Environmental Protection or DEP</u>.

The deadline for receiving reservations is 3 pm, Monday, September 22.

- Snowshoe Mountain Resort requires the list of all conference participants by this date.
- A limited number of rooms are available. Rooms that are not used will be released on September 22.
- Reservations will be accepted after September 22 only if any of the released rooms are still available.

Room assignments will be made 2 to 4 participants per room, chaperones included. All rooms will be housed in the Allegheny Springs Lodging and Conference Center.

Preference of roommates must be listed on the attached reservation form.

- No room changes will be made upon arrival.
- All participants must be pre-registered; no walk-ins will be accepted.

Permission slip/release form, photo consent and conference rules will be sent with the confirmation letter.

- Attendance confirms an agreement by the participant to abide by all conference rules.
- The permission slip/release form and photo consent form must be signed by the parent/guardian <u>and</u> by the participant and must be <u>received</u> by me by September 29. <u>Faxing the forms is not acceptable</u>; <u>original forms with original signatures are needed</u>. Forms may be hand carried to the conference and turned in during registration.
- Participants cannot attend the Saturday tour without the original signed forms.

Your club must be enrolled in the Youth Environmental Program to attend.

• For enrollment information or questions regarding the conference, call Diana Haid at 304/926-0499, extension 1114, or e-mail <u>diana.k.haid@wv.gov</u>:

Environmental activities are scheduled Friday evening, October 3.

• Tentative activities include Recycling and Enviroscape workshops.

Pizza will be served Friday at 7 pm in the Greenbrier Room.

- The conference convenes at 7:30 pm in the Tygart Room A/B
- Tentatively, Robert Barricelli will be speaking on degrees and careers available through the WVU Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design following dinner.
- Door prizes and games will follow the presentation.

Breakfast buffets on Saturday and Sunday mornings will be served at 7 am in the Greenbrier Room.

Departing at 8 am, tour sites for Saturday, October 4 include the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank in the morning and a Cass Scenic Railroad train ride to Bald Knob in the afternoon.

- Transportation will be provided by Pocahontas County school buses.
- Lunch will be eaten before leaving the National Radio Astronomy Observatory or before boarding the train at Cass Railroad State Park.

Dinner is scheduled for Saturday evening at 6 pm in the Greenbrier room.

- Tentatively, Leave No Trace Training will follow dinner.
- Reports will be given by each color group on their assignments from the tours.

Make a table centerpiece from recyclable materials using the theme "Protecting, Promoting and Sustaining West Virginia's Natural Resources."

- Centerpieces will be displayed and judged. Prizes will be awarded on Sunday morning.
- Important: Mark the space on the reservation form if your club will be making a table centerpiece.

A dance will be held from 8 - 10 pm Saturday night in the Tygart Room A/B.

• Board games and a movie will also be available for those not wanting to attend the dance in the Greenbrier room.

An idea swap will be featured at 8 am Sunday morning, October 5 in the Tygart Room A/B.

- Each youth group represented at the conference is invited to give a three-minute report of their community environmental project(s).
- If you have handouts, be sure to bring copies. If you need copies made of your handout, please let someone know at registration on Friday.
- The report must be given by a youth.
- Important: Mark the space on the reservation form if your club will be participating in the idea swap.

Conference leaders from the Department of Environmental Protection and Division of Natural Resources will welcome participants on Friday and will remain through Sunday.

- If you wish to participate in the Friday afternoon workshops you need to arrive by 5:30 pm.
- All participants are required to attend the entire conference, beginning Friday evening through adjournment on Sunday morning.
- Parents will be held responsible for any damages caused by a conference participant.

Sincerely.

Diana Haid, Program Coordinator Youth Environmental Program

Reservation Form Youth Environmental Conference Snowshoe Mountain Resort October 3 – 5, 2014

MAIL TO: Diana Haid, Department of Environmental Protection, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304 OR FAX TO: 304-926-0447

All reservations must be received by 3 pm, Monday, September 22, 2014.

Name of youth group				
Complete address State				
Teleph	one number	home		work
County				
Two club members receiving scholarships:				
1.	Name		_age	
	Parent/guardian	telephone	;	
	Address		zip	
	Male	Female		
2.	Name		age	
	Parent/guardian	telephone)	
	Address		zip	
	Male	Female		
Chaperone scholarships are limited to one per club. Please include chaperone information on back of form.				
Additional participants and chaperones paying \$175 each may also be listed on the back of this form. Give the same information as above. Adult leaders please write "chaperone" in the space requesting age. Room assignments will be made 2 to 4 participants per room, including chaperones.				
Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$				
Please note: Be sure your club is enrolled in the Youth Environmental Program!				
Is your club making a centerpiece from recyclable materials using the theme "Protecting, Promoting and Sustaining West Virginia's Natural Resources"?				
	YesN	No Please be prepared to describe the centerpiece and its environme	ental qualities.	
Is your club participating in the idea swap on Sunday by giving a three-minute report of your most successful project(s)?				
	Yes1	No If providing a handout, please bring copies or let us know at reg	istration if you n	eed copies made.
Please indicate the number of vegetarian meals needed:				